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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK
(by David Rosley)

--- I had to retitle this because Terry Ness, the new President of NDCA, didn't send in his article "FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK". So I will try and fill his spot in the newsletter as best I can. But I will expect something from you for the next newsletter - Terry!

--- For those that didn't attend the Closed, shame on you! We crowned a new North Dakota State Champion, John Stanfield. John also won the Friday nite speed chess tourney, scoring 7 1/2 points out of 8. Ron Schauer took a clear second with 5 1/2.

--- There are some people that come to the Closed just for the annual meeting. This years proved to be one of the liveliest on record. A summary of the minutes are contained in this issue.

--- Speaking of issues this is my ninth as editor. Nine? Yes nine! Well nobody has lynched me yet so I'll take that as a sign of approval. Without a word processor to type this on I would never have taken on the Editor's job. I would like to again thank the contributors for their material. Even though I have to do a little arm-twisting once in a while to get articles out of some of them.

--- Well I guess I got my foot in it again. I'm in charge of drawing up guide lines for the Grand Prix point system. Here they are: 1) To receive GP points you must be a current NDCA member. 2) The tournament must have been advertised in the NDCA Newsletter. 3) The tournament must be held within the borders of North Dakota. 4) The tournament must be a a regular swiss style tournament. 5) The formula is as follows (number of players + number of rounds PLAYED + number of points received in the tournament). An example would be John Stanfield received 38.5 GP points for his win in the Closed. 29 players + 5 rounds played + 4.5 points = 38.5 so John is are current GP point leader too!

--- I'm also in the process of talking John Leitel, ND's unoffical chess historian, into writing articles for the Newsletter. He has some most interesting ND chess facts!

DID YOU KNOW ??
(by Brent Askvig)

William Lewis (1787-1870)

--- In 1819 Lewis was the Player concealed in the Chess Playing automaton, "The Turk".

--- Lewis opened some chess playing rooms in London in 1825 and made teaching his livelihood. His most famous student was Alexander McDonnell of the McDonnell - La Bourdonnais matches.

--- Lewis later became a very successful writer on chess, publishing "Chessboard Companion" and "Series of Progressive Lessons of the Game of Chess" which later became the basis of the classic "Handbuch des Schachspiels".

--- Lewis was the stake-holder (money keeper) of the Morphy - Lowenthal match in 1858.

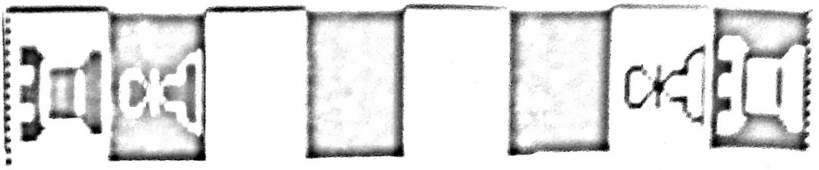
--- Lewis spent much of his later life translating the works of Gioachino Greco (an Italian chessplayer of the early 1600's).

Next Issue: This U.S. Player was known for his ability to turn defeat into victory with a brilliant combination when everything appeared hopeless. This later became known as "The _____ Swindle".

- 1985 Bismarck Scholastic BENEFIT -

The following crosstable shows how Ron Schauer won the "spur of the moment" round robin. It was held Sunday, March 31, @ Kirkwood Motor Inn. Entry fees were donated to '85 Scholastic tmt! Time control was 40/1, better known as "glorified speed chess"... - LS

ID	PLAYER	ST	PRE RTNG	POST RTNG	1	2	3	TOT
10329388	1 SCHAUER,RONALD R	ND	1812	1830	D-3	W-5	D-2	2.0
10242118	2 STEARNS,BRUCE G	ND	2053	2051	U--	W-3	D-1	1.5
12403489	3 TWIGGS,JERRY	ND	1851	1848	D-1	L-2	W-5	1.5
12414381	4 NESS,TERRANCE W	ND	1807	1814	W-5	U--	U--	1.0
10329519	5 SPLICHAL,LA MOYNE	ND	1593	1573	L-4	L-1	L-3	.0



20TH F-M OPEN

(by Sonner Sorenson)

The Tri-College F-M Open goes back a long way. Twenty years ago this writer won the first F-M Open, back when Paul Shannon was beginning to organize tournaments around here. It was pretty small then, but by the late 60's and early 70's it reached it high water mark when Tri-College Chess was sponsering the event. One year when Paul Narveson, then on the MSC staff, directed, we had 55 entries, but since then there has been a gradual retreat.

This year perhaps we reached the low point of the ebb-tide, either that or the whole tournament is in danger of going down the drain. Only 22 entered this year; of those two local pre-entered players did not show up at all, Mastrud (0-3) and Bayley (2-1) withdrew after round 3, and Robsen (1 1/2 - 2 1/2) and Fuchsman (1-3) after the fourth. And, oh yes, one player apparently did not pay an entry fee, and another whose check has been returned twice now, had insufficient funds in the bank.

But, as usual, it was an interesting tournament. Newlywed Erik Knutson, as he did last year, tied for first, not with Tom Biedermann this time but with Lyle Hanson. In their fourth round meeting Knutson won after Hanson blundered in time pressure, but earlier Knutson had drawn Terry Ness when the latter doubled rooks on the seventh rank, and in the last round drew Jon Heimarck. Hanson won his other games.

Certainly some of the most interesting positions in the tournament occurred in the games of Heimarck and Francisco Toro. In the third round Heimarck made a very imaginative piece sacrifice against Hanson but didn't find a crushing follow-up. Hanson wriggled out and eventually won. In the next round Heimarck and Toro produced a cliffhanger as first Heimarck seemed to have a winning game but then lost the exchange; then Toro made a mistake and got mated with a minimum of material. Then in the last round Toro and Jeff Bergh, who also was having a good tournament, produced a wild nail-biter that ended in mate. Some other players had good outings too, among whom Ed Lutgen, Art Bayley and Arnold Bolland should be mentioned.

Lyle Hanson (1963) Jon Heimarck (1985) Sicilian Najd
20th FM Open 1985 - MSU, Moorhead MN (notes by S.Sore
1.P-K4 P-QB4 2.N-KB3 P-Q3 3.P-Q4 PxP 4.NxP N-KB3 5.
P-QR3 6.B-KN5 P-K3 7.P-B4 B-K2 8.Q-B3 Q-B2 9.B-Q3
10.N(4)-K2 B-Q2 11.O-O O-O-O 12.P-QR3 P-R3 13.BxN
I'll bet Lyle did not reckon on the opening of
c-file. But on 13.B-R4 P-KN4 gets a file open anyho
the cost of a P.) 14.P-B5 N-K4 15.Q-B4 QR-N1 16.P-R3
17.Q-K3 R(1)-N1 18.R-B2 P-Q4 19.P-QN4 (White has to
Black's bishop away from e5, but does this move squ
the attack? Heimarck did not think so. In
post-mortom he showed how he could have obtaine
defensive advantage. Unfortunately I can't remembe
any more. Do any of you see how black could improve
play in the next four moves? It becomes apparent a
22. ... Q-R7 that white has adequate protection for
king and eventually will win.) 19. ... P-Q5 20.QxP N
21.RxN RxP+ 22.K-B1 Q-R7 23.K-K1 B-Q3 24.R-Q1
25.Q-B5+ K-N1 26.BxP R-N8+ 27.NxR RxN+ 28.B-B1 B
29.R-B2 QxP 30.K-K2 Q-N5+ 31.R-B3 RxB 32.RxR B-B3 33.
PxP 34.R-Q8+ K-B2 35.N-Q5+ KxR 36.Q-B8+ K-Q2 37.NxP+ 1

Finally a few words about June 22-23. I unders
that the ND Team Tourney, in which teams from the
corners of the state fight it out in Jamestown, confl
with the International Cyclones, speed tournament
International Team Match in Moorhead the same weekend.
you are not playing on a team bound for Jamestown, pl
consider a Moorhead alternative. See announc
elsewhere in this issue, or MCJ, page 1447.

Just a few reminders: 1) If you play in
International Cyclones June 22 you will have to joi
MSCA. 2) If you are going to play in the speed tourn
in the evening you had better get in the building
p.m. When we had a tourney there in February, p
could leave but not enter the Moorhead Center Mall af
o'clock. 3) The tournament does not provide clocks
sets; you do. 4) If anyone wants to play FREE in the
on Sunday June 23, please let me know. I'll put your
on the list and give it to the captain. (I recall h
1983 the draws Dave Rosley and Ed Lutgen got against
high-stepping Canadians were about the only bright
the U.S. had.) This year we understand Captain
Gustafsen of Richfield is chartering a bus to

players up from the cities. My address is 315 Dale Ave., Moorhead, and the phone is (218) 236-9823. In the International Team Match each side is supposed to have 25 bodies, but it never turns out exactly.

1985 N.D. SCHOLASTIC REPORT
(A TD'S VIEW)
(by Brent Askvig)

The 1985 N.D. Scholastic Chess Tournament is now in the record books. Fifty-one entrants from the ages of 10 to 18 competed in the second Scholastic event held in Bismarck, co-sponsered by the Bismarck Optimists' Club and the NDCA. Individual and team champions were crowned, trophies and memberships handed out, sets picked up, and crosstables completed.

Now that didn't seem like such a lot of hard work, did it? The only answer is an emphatic YES! It was a lot of hard work and the credit should go to President-Elect of NDCA, Terry Ness. As tournament organizer, Terry was responsible for obtaining the playing site, ordering trophies, contacting schools and chess teams, contacting and coordinating with the Convention and Visitor's Bureau for advertising, obtaining tournament directors, obtaining a simul expert for the evenings entertainment, and coordinating with the Optimists' for volunteers. He was also the person responsible if anything went wrong! As you can see, it was a lot of hard work, and Terry did it with little fanfare and a lot of flourish.

As a director in the tournament, I really appreciated having Terry around. He always seemed to know where everything and everyone was. At a moment's notice he could find an extra score sheet, or an elementary player who had "lost" his board or opponent. Terry also implemented 3 tournament directors, one for each section, at this year's Scholastic. Because of this the organization and the smoothness with which the tourney progressed were almost at a professional level. Pretty impressive for North Dakota!

As a hint for future Scholastics, the organizers should keep the previous organizer in mind, in this case Terry Ness, as the main reference BEFORE putting the tournament together. This will save many headaches and provide for the best possible tournament for the students.

Comments on the Tournament:

1) It was really exciting to see 51 students all in the same room playing chess. Rarely in N.D. do we see 51 chessplayers all at one tournament anymore.

2) The Bismarck Optimists' Club should be thanked again for their continued support. The volunteers they provided helped the tournament run very smoothly.

3) The play of ALL the sections seems to have improved dramatically. Some elementary games even went on for more than 15 minutes!

4) Holding the elementary section rounds all in one day is the best thing that could have happened. The TD for this section went a little nuts, but the kids and the advisors really appreciated it.

5) It was nice to see more area adult players at this year's event. With their tournament experience, they helped tremendously in getting players and advisors to the right places at the right times.

6) Although the numbers were down from the previous year, the competition wasn't. Those players back from the last Scholastic (there were quite a few) knew exactly what they were there for.

7) Big thank you's to the N.D. (and other) players who participated or contributed to the various Scholastic Benefit tournaments around the state. The extra money can hopefully be put into the Scholastic Fund to promote N.D. Scholastic Chess.

*** Review of 1985 N.D. Scholastic Chess Tournament, March 30-31 ***

Fifty-one students competed in the '85 Scholastic event, held at Bismarck's Kirkwood Motor Inn. (site was donated to tournament, thanks to Kirkwood, and to Terry Ness for getting accomodations!) Due to bad weather & school conflicts the directors were expecting more students. But that was the only bad news, as in '85 the directors were better organized, had more room to work with large tmt. room & hallway, and witnessed better matches among the players! - Once again, the elementary students came out in force, 26 competing for team & individual trophies. Hopefully these young players will continue to play chess in ND for many years. - Junior high & High Sections returned some familiar faces from '84 event, which saw interesting rematches...

Terry Ness organized the tournament set-up, with some good advice from Brent Askvig. LaMoyne Splichal aided with the aftermath paperwork, behind the scenes assistance, & directing the hectic, fun?!, elementary section. Joe Gagner of Bismarck ably directed the junior high section. Brent Askvig was the "main TD", making tournament run smooth, and also directing high school section. Oh, thanks to Brent's wife, Stacy, who assisted with all our chores! Finally, our thanks goes out to the Bismarck Optimist Club, who donated funds, & some members who provided aid to students at the tournament.

The scholastic gained other donations, too. Minot & Bismarck had benefit tournaments, (all entry fees going to Sch. prize fund) Optimist Club donated $100, John Kasper of Grand Forks $25, Schauer Hearing Aid Service of Jamestown $15, and a simultaneous exhibition at Bismarck Gateway Mall netted $16, performed by Bruce Stearns & Ron Schauer. (Ron also gave a simul for scholastic students, donating his "talents"...) Thank you all again, for supporting scholastic chess in North Dakota!

1985 N.D. Scholastic Chess Tournament - Elementary Section (gr. 1-6)

March 30, 1985 - Kirkwood Motor Inn, Bismarck, North Dakota 58501.

	Student	School Team	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	Total
1.	Erik Dvorak	Grimsrud "A"	W10	W25	W14	W3	W5	5
2.	Jeff Walz	Grimsrud "A"	W21	W11	W6	W7	W4	5
3.	Bob Mayer	Grimsrud "B"	W20	W22	W7	L1	W14	4
4.	Brian Buchwitz	Grimsrud "A"	W9	W27	W17	W18	L2	4
5.	Kyle Peterson	Grimsrud "A"	W18	W6	D12	W20	L1	3½
6.	Chris Lindseth	Rusty	W28	L5	L2	W13	W16	3
7.	John Engel	McClusky "A"	W15	W16	L3	L2	W20	3
8.	Charles Taft	McClusky "B"	L27	L20	W28	W25	W18	3
9.	Curt Olson	McClusky "A"	L4	W26	W22	D16	D11	3
10.	Tim Schaeffer	McClusky "C"	L1	L12	W23	W21	W19	3
11.	Debbie Ewing	Grimsrud "B"	W12	L2	D19	W17	D9	3
12.	Bob Stiles	McClusky "B"	L11	W10	D5	L14	W25	2½
13.	Curt Wahl	McClusky "B"	L16	W15	D25	L6	W26	2½
14.	Cade Robinson	Grimsrud "B"	W19	D17	L1	W12	L3	2½
15.	John Stromme	Lincoln	L7	L13	W26	W22	D17	2½
16.	Meghan Ramirez	Grimsrud "B"	W13	L7	W24	D9	L6	2½
17.	Andrew Pysyk	Dorothy Moses	W24	D14	L4	L11	D15	2
18.	Cliff Cover	McClusky "A"	L5	W28	W27	L4	L8	2
19.	Sheldon Dokken	First Campus	L14	D24	D11	W27	L10	2
20.	Valerie Axt	McClusky "C"	L3	W8	W21	L5	L7	2
21.	Jason Gross	McClusky "B"	L2	W23	L20	L10	W27	2
22.	Dave Herzog	Roosevelt	W23	L3	L9	L15	W28	2
23.	Tammy Triebwasser	McClusky "D"	L22	L21	L10	D28	Won*	1½
24.	Janine Landgeidel	McClusky "A"	L17	D19	L16	L26	Won*	1½
25.	Shawna Grosz	McClusky "C"	W26	L1	D13	L8	L12	1½
26.	Caren Wanner	Parco	L25	L9	L15	W24	L13	1
27.	Wayne Pennell	Pickerldt	W8	L4	L18	L19	L21	1
28.	Jill Klein	McClusky "C"	L6	L18	L8	D23	L22	½

Elementary Award Winners

Team: Grimsrud "A", state team trophy, 1 year NDCA memberships to E. Dvorak, J. Walz, B. Buchwitz, & K. Peterson.

Individual Co-Champs: Erik Dvorak took home 1st place trophy on tie-break points. Jeff Walz, co-leader, took home trophy for 2nd place. Congratulations!

Participating Schools & Students, thank you for participating in event. Hope many of you will play again in 1986, & bring other players too!

* notes... The elementary section was not rated & supported by USCF. - Players 23 & 24 scores in final round noted an error on the wallchart, both showing a win over each other. No scoresheets were kept noting result, therefore score left alone. Outcome did not effect final team scores for prizes. TDs were in rush to award the kids!... - Five games were scheduled in one day, which made students, advisors, & the sometimes crazy director very happy! - All in all, elementary had the best turnout and better organized than '85, with much success & fun.

Thank you!!! - LaMoyne Splichal, Elem. '85 Dir.

*** TOURNAMENT BOOKLET ***

1985 NORTH DAKOTA CLOSED

Chessplayers who could not play in the 1985 State championship can order the tournament booklet. The souvenier edition containing all the games plus some facts and trivia from the event can be purchased for $3.00 From: LaMoyne Splichal, 141 East 5th, Dickinson ND 58601.

F-M CHESS (COUNCIL)
(or a very brief history of ND Chess - Part II)
(by Calvin Wipf)

We've dropped the 'Council' in our name to the less pretentious and more descriptive "F-M CHESS". But the some high quality productions, along with personalized service, will remain. Our dedication, which has never been doubted, should reach new pinnacles and all across the land greatness should be ever more obvious. Well, anyway, we try.

Even if we aren't great we at least have some notable individuals. Most of our ND Chess News readers probably know that Stephan Popel was once paired with Bobby Fischer, the game ended in a draw. (How many of you can say you've drawn, or won, against a man who got a draw with Fischer?) But, how many knew that Somner Sorenson was once the Iowa State Champion (1954). Always modest, never uncivilized, Somner also would not have told you that he has had a game line published in MCO. So when you're playing Somner your're playing cunning and EXPERIENCE. With that background it's not surprizing that sons Knute and Arne have emerged as very strong players. Cam and I, mostly Cam, have sure wished some of that would rub off on us.

SEIZE FIRE ENDS
(by Joe Gagner)

North Dakota chess is looking up with growing organizations in Dickinson, Minot, and Jamestown. But with the loss of LaMoyne Splichal, Brent Askvig and Ron Schauer to new locations, Bismarck is facing the prospect of becoming a relative backwater in N.D. chess.

With that in mind, a declaration of War is here by issued. "Pawn Wars 85" is at hand. The 1st battle is scheduled for Saturday, June 15th at the Elks Lodge in Bismarck. A one day event, this tourney features 3 rounds beginning at 10:00am, registration starts at 9:30am. Time controls will be 40/100 & 15/30. Entry fee is $5.00. Further battles are tentatively scheduled for July, August, November and December. A trophy is planned for the overall high score from all battles. Cash prizes for winners at individual battles as per turn out. Any inquiries may be addressed to Joe Gagner, 1119 South 9th #408, Bismarck, N.D. 58501, or call 701-224-1948. The July "Pawn Wars" is Tentatively set for July 13th, at the same location.

1985 ANNUAL NDCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING
(by LaMoyne Splichal)

President Dave Rosley called the Annual Membership meeting of the North Dakota Chess Association to order. The meeting was held Sunday, April 21, before the final round of the '85 Closed. The minutes were waived for approval from the 1984 NDCA meeting. Secretary Splichal noted that the minutes were pulished in the May-June '84 NDCA Newsletter.

Tres. LaMoyne Splichal reported $752.21 in the Treasury, before the '85 Closed. The steady increase of new members is keeping NDCA in great financial shape. At tournament time NDCA boasted 105 members! Our last member to join hails from Alaska our NDCA Newsletter reaches far and wide! We've had our most successful year since the Fischer-boom days, even better since the 105 members are paid up!

Terry Ness then reported on the Scholastic Tournament held March 30 & 31, at the Kirkwood Motor Inn. He reported the event was a success, with better organization & more room then the 1984 tournament. The only disappointment was that 51 players participated, 12 less than 1984, because of bad weather in the state, & conflicting school commitments.

Old Business: President Dave Rosley opened up nominations for President-Elect office. By unanimous vote, Dave Rosley was elected President-Elect for '85-'86. Then LaMoyne Splichal was nominated and unanimously re-elected Secretary-Tresurer. Then Terry Ness, the new NDCA President, took over chairmenship of the meeting. The NDCA membership applauded and congratulated the new NDCA officers, and also thanked them for their previous year's work.

President Terry Ness appointed the Regional Representatives for North Dakota. They are: Leonard Crouse of Dickinson for the SouthWest Region, Brent Askvig of Minot for the NorthWest Region, Ron Schauer of Jamestown for the SouthEast Region and Orhan Erdem of Grand Forks for the NorthEast Region. Terry also re-appointed Dave Rosley as the NDCA Newsletter Editor, and thanked him for a good job on the previous year as editor.

New Business: Discussion followed on a suggestion by Brent Askvig to formulate a standing NDCA Scholastic Committee. Brent noted that a committee was needed to implement goals for chess in North Dakota schools. The Scholastic chess program would focus on students in elementary and junior high schools. Steve Lengenfelder expressed that it is in our best interests to teach young people chess. Joe Gagner asked about the SASP program from USCF. Brent Askvig explained that the program called the State Affiliate Support Program, will give funds to states (effective July 1, 1985) to increase and improve chess activities throughout the United States at the state and local level. Brent proposed that these funds be allocated to the Scholastic Committee. The fund is figured as follows: $.50 for each state adult member and $.25 for each state junior member. USCF plans on doubling these rates for next year. This year we estimate that the SASP will net NDCA about $40.00, and with next year's proposed increases about $80.00 to $100.00, depending on the growth of the state organization. After more discussion, the NDCA PASSED to form a Scholastic Committee for NDCA, and allocate a budget of $225.00 to the committee to carry out the goals set forth for the coming chess season.

Proposed NDCA Scholastic Budget:

100.00	- voted to budget by the NDCA meeting
85.00	- 1985 Scholastic Tournament (net gain!)
+-40.00	- SASP revenue estimate
$225.00	Proposed budget for '85 - '86

President Terry Ness appointed the members of the Scholastic Committee: Brent Askvig as chairman, LaMoyne Splichal, David Posley, Calvin Wipf, Terry Ness and Mark Wager from the West Fargo High School.

Discussion followed on setting up a Grand Prix point system for North Dakota chess tournaments. The program goals would: 1) Reward players scoring high in ND tournaments. 2) Reward the most active NDCA members. In that regard, Rick Case noted that he probably was the most active NDCA member. He also stated that an incentive program for the common average chessplayer should be implemented. Silvano Bentzel of Minot expressed that

local tournaments should be advertised more, and that this program would help. Joe Gagner noted that all organizers with information on upcoming tournaments, should promptly notify the NDCA Newsletter Editor for recent publication. Bruce Davidson suggested a "clearinghouse" of all tournaments to one person or location, which in turn would make players aware of upcoming Grand Prix Events. President Terry Ness then called a halt to further discussion, as they were getting sidetracked on issues not particularly relevant to a Grand Prix system. The NDCA membership Passed the motion for a Grand Prix system and approved a $100 budget. President Terry Ness then selected David Rosley to chair the Grand Prix committee and to select members for his group to research and set goals and strategy for a Grand Prix program.

Congratulations was given to Terry Ness by the NDCA membership on the organization of 1985 Scholastic tournament! Terry noted that the Bismarck Optimist Club donated $100.00 and helped out at the event. Other donations: John Kasper $25.00, Schauer Hearing Aid Service $15.00, Gateway simul $16.00, Minot Benefit tournament $15.00, and a Bismarck Benefit tournament $17.50. A big THANK YOU to all who contributed to Scholastic chess.

a A motion was made by Ron Schauer to reimburse the '85 Closed tournament director, LaMoyne Splichal, $25.00 for his work and time directing the event. After some discussion the NDCA membership passed allocating $25.00 from the treasury to LaMoyne. (The main objection was LaMoyne himself, unwilling to go along with the idea. He noted that his time and effort put into directing the event was only for the "pure enjoyment" of directing and for the progress of the game and fun!) At any rate, LaMoyne thanked the membership for their reimbursement.

A motion was proposed by Brent Askvig to allow only ND residents to direct all future Closeds. After some lively discussion, an amendment was proposed by Dave Rosley to allow any TD selected by the ND Organizers, whether an instate or outstate director to direct the Closed. Another round of lively discussion followed, followed by some confusion. After the dust had finally settled the motion passed with the amendment. (I think Roberts turned over in his grave a few times. EDITOR)

A motion was made and passed that the ND Closed organizers should reimburse future directors of the Closed. A minimum of $25.00 was suggested.

A motion was make by Ron Schauer to allocate $100.00 from the NDCA treasury, to the 1986 ND Closed Prize fund. By unanimous vote the motion passed. The extra money will give ND chessplayers more incentive to attend the '86 ND Closed.

Dave Rosley moved to adjourn the 1985 annual NDCA meeting. Rick Case seconded the motion.

Respectfully Submitted
LaMoyne Splichal
NDCA Secretary Treasurer

THE "PAWN SHOP"
(by Joe Gagner)

The N.D. Closed is over and Congratulations are in order to our new State Champion John Stanfield. Also, special cheers for Clifford Berger, of Dickinson, who showed the potential to be a future State Champion.

We can now look forward to the International Tornado in Fargo, and the N.D. Team Championships in Jamestown, both scheduled for June. Also, as you will note elsewhere in this newsletter, the Pawn Wars are back, also in June.

My purpose here concerns two tournaments on the drawing board for sometime in October, November or December. The first is the 1st Annual Missouri Valley Open, which will be in Bismarck and will be a two day 5 round event. The second is the Kalaka International. I chose the name Kalaka,which in Hebrew means 'friends'. A title I think befitting because this tourney will be similar to the International Tornado in Moorhead. It is going to be held at the Turtle Mountain Lodge on Lake Metigoshe, near the International Peace Gardens. I am in the process of trying to contact sources in Canada to iron out details and exact dates. But for now it is tentatively set for 5 rounds over two days with the last round being a team match between Canada and the U.S. In view of the many gripes about traveling 200 miles or more just to play someone who rode with you, I am looking at using a modified round robin format to insure that all games are international in nature, as well as to insure no rematches in the team match. Guarantees, however, can only be made if the entrants from each nation balance. More on that though, in the next newsletter. For now, I need to hear from those interested in representing the USA. If you are interested, please write to me at 1119 South 9th #408, Bismarck, N.D. or phone 701-224-1948.

1985 N.D. Scholastic Chess Tournament
High School Section (gr. 10-12)

ID		PLAYER	ST	PRE RTNG	POST RTNG	1	2	3	4	5	TOT
12411409	1	VOISINE,RONNIE J	ND	1355/11	1418	W-9	W-8	W-4	W-2	D-3	4.5
12401498	2	LENGENFELDER,STEV	ND	1368	1391	W-7	W11	W-8	L-1	W-4	4.0
12414776	3	MERTZ,STACY	ND	1225	1253	W10	L-4	W11	W-9	D-1	3.5
12414772	4	ANDERSON,MICHAEL	ND	1543/6	1449	W-5	W-3	L-1	W-6	L-2	3.0
12451501	5	METCALF,ANTHONY	ND	0	1198	L-4	D-7	W10	W-8	D-9	3.0
12451959	6	DOMYAHN,MARK	ND	0	1054	L-8	D-9	B--	L-4	W11	2.5
12451560	7	WELDER,BILL	ND	0	992	L-2	D-5	L-9	B--	W10	2.5
11404092	8	SCHAUER,SHENAN S	ND	1047	1048	W-6	L-1	L-2	L-5	B--	2.0
12415059	9	HELLER,GARY	ND	844/5	965	L-1	D-6	W-7	L-3	D-5	2.0
12451961	10	RANDALL,SCOTT	ND	0	863	L-3	B--	L-5	W11	L-7	2.0
12415061	11	WEBB,RON	ND	1025/5	909	B--	L-2	L-3	L10	L-6	1.0

TIED PLAYERS ARE LISTED IN ORDER OF PRE-TOURNAMENT RATINGS
W=WIN, L=LOSS, D=DRAW, X=FORFEIT WIN, F=FORFEIT LOSS
Z=FORFEIT DRAW, H=1/2 PT BYE, B=BYE, U=UNPLAYED

High School Award Winners

Team: 1st, Bismarck, with 15 pts. They won a trophy, 1 yr. NDCA & USCF Memberships. Players are: Ronald Voisine, Stacy Mertz, Steve Lengenfelder, & Anthony Metcalf. 2nd pl. team was West Fargo, w/10 pts.

Individual: 1st place to Ronald Voisine of Bismarck, who captured top trophy, w/4½ pts. Steve Lengenfelder won 2nd place trophy w/4 pts., also from Bismarck.

Brent Askvig of Minot, directed this event, which was USCF rated. He oversaw some exciting clashes among the 11 players who competed for state titles. Once again, Bismarck High School took team title; Voisine, Lengenfelder, & Mertz were also part of '84 team. Voisine & Lengenfelder also shared '84 1st pl. individual honor, with 2 other students. - NDCA thanks the high schools who participated, inviting you back next year! They are: West Fargo, Bismarck, Mandan.

Joe Gagner of Bismarck, directed the junior high section, which was USCF rated. Twelve stu- saw state chess action, of which six has other experience, the remaining six are newcomers! - NDCA thanks the following schools for playing in jr. hi section: Bismarck Hughes, West Fargo, Belcourt, Fargo; see you in '86 event!

Brent Askvig (USA) - Cain (USA) on the USS Biddle
Ruy Lopez
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Bc6 bc 5.Nc3 d6 6.d4 ed 7.Nd4 c5 8.Nf3 Nf6 9.O-O Bb7 10.Bg5 Be7 11.Rel O-O 12.Qd2 Ng4 13.Be7 Qe7 14.Nd5 Bd5 15.ed Qf6 16.c4 Ne5 17.Ne5 de 18.Qe3 Fad8 19.b3 Rfe8 20.Qc5 21.Qc7 1-0.

In case you are wondering about the time factor of these two games, the first one finished in 21 months and the second one in 11 months. This has been about the average for my international games, between 1 to 1.5 years. It's really not much more than domestic Postal and the letters are certainly more interesting!!

THINGS THAT TD'S HATE!!!
(by various TDs)

1) Players who arrive 10 minutes (or more) late for a round. They search noisily for their boards and then introduce themselves loudly to their opponents.
2) Players who ask for their pairings while you are still making them out.
3) Players who verbally comment on their game while it is in progress.
4) Not having a separate tournament directors room.
5) Having everybody in the tournament directors room.
6) Time trouble on board one.
7) Time trouble on board two.
8) Paperwork.
9) Time trouble on board ten!
10) People who ask why the wall chart isn't up, while your preparing it.
11) The infamous phrase "I've already played him this tournament". Of course, this only happens one hour into the tournament.
12) Complaints about the entry fees.
13) Complaints about the prizes.
14) Complaints about the tournament site.
15) Complaints about the tournament director.
16) Complaints about the pairings.

One thing TD's don't hate though is CHESS!!

IMPRESSIONS OF THE 1985 ND CLOSED
(by Michael Sprague)

A strange tournament, quite a few of the top-rated players and favorites did not compete, and not a few of the strong players left came away disappointed.

One thing for sure is that the "B" section is getting awfully strong, if you can win first in there you can win anything! Perhaps it is as Ron Schauer said, "There are just no reliable victims anymore!"

Tragically, last years State Champion, Bruce Sterns, who had 2 1/2 points after Saturday's games, had to go to Houston on Sunday. That left everything wide open. LaMoyne had speculated that one of the "A" players might be the dark horse, but no, that honor belonged to John Stanfield, who was just supersolid, and deserving! A draw with Sterns, wins against Hanson, Lutgen and Triggs. Second? Oh, that extremely tall fellow with the hungry look! Minoters came, Minoters saw, Minot players did quite well again!

A special award for the toughest first three rounds should go to Cliff Berger. He played Schauer, Sprague and Hanson, and managed a respectable 1 1/2 points. Think he will stay at 1344 for long?

A special tip of the hat to Cam Starr who provided 'color to outshine the sun' on Saturday with his bright yellow top and yellow paisley block pants! (Oh, stand back my bedazzled eyes!) Some dress casual, Ron Schauer and Richard Herr always dress neat. Which made for an interesting game in round 4, when they played. Ron sacked a Knight for three pawns, and Mr. Herr always sits there with such an amiable grin. It is impossible to tell what he is thinking about. I would say that they are 'nice thoughts', but for the fact that he plays chess.

There was a whole lot of fighting spirit contained in this tournament. A honorable mention to Steve Eik for the quickest result, a 11 mover versus Calvin Wipf. All the draws I saw were that of mutual exhaustion.

Yours truely managed to play the role of 'spoiler' as I was limited, so I went limiting others. Rick Case comes up to me and says, "Come and take your pounding like a man!". "Ok" I said, "Just as long as you don't call me victum!".

A special and very sincere thanks to LaMoyne Splichal who made it all run. "One headache is enough without the

bother of playing too!" LaMoyne said. He was voted a very deserved $25 for expenses, some wouldn't do his job for two or three times that!

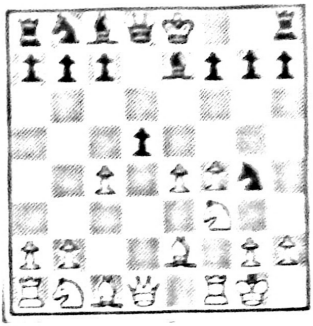
And for those of you who missed it. Too bad! There was a lot of good chess played and it sure was fun! But, take heart, there will be a tournament book published. One was heard to say "Oh no!, I was trying to forget that game as fast as I could". You can see how your rivals did in the tournament. So, to whet your appetite, the following.

White: Vincent Horne 1436 Black: The Nameless Tall One
1.e4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Bd2!? c5 5.e3 O-O 6.Bd3 Nc6 7.Nf3 d6 8.O-O b6!? 9.Ne4 Bd2 10.Ned2?! (Qd2!) Bb7 11.a3! Qe7 12.Qa4? Rfd8 13.Ne4? cd 14.ed Nd4! 15.Rae1 (Nf6+) Nf3+ 16.gf Ne5 17.Re3 Ne5 18.Rfe1 Ng6 19.Nd2 Nf4 20.Nf1 Qh4! 21.Be4 Qh3 0-1.

GAMES
(by Bruce Sterns)

White: Black Case (1861) Black: Steve Turmo (2028)
Ruy Lopez (Closed Defence) - Red River Open 01/12/85
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6! 8.c3 Na5 9.Bc2 c5 10.h3 Qc7 11.d4 Nc6 12.d5 Nd8 13.Nbd2 O-O 14.Nf1?! Ne8 15.g4 g6 16.Ng3 Ng7 17.Kh1?! f6 18.Rg1 Nf7 19.Rg2 Bd7 20.Bd2 Kh8 21.Qe2 (This is the same position as Vladimirov-Riskin, USSR Cham. 1974 except that the white king is on h1 instead of h2. I prefer Black because he has the natural pawn break at f5 at an opportune moment. With white's king on h2, he could play Ng1, h4 and Nh3 with the possible pawn breaks at f4 or h5.) 21. ... Rg8 22.Rag1 (White plans an active defence on the g-file, but he finds Kh2 necessary after all) 22. ... Raf8 23.Kh2 Qc8 24.Ne1 Bd8!? 25.Nf1? (White's retreat is unnecessary. Better is 25.b3 to firm up the center with 26.c4. White should have a tenable position.) 25. ... f5 26.gf gf 27.ef Bf5 28.Bf5 Qf5 29.a4 Nh5 30.Rg8+ Rg8 31.Rg8+ Kg8 32.Qg4+? (Why not 32.Ng3? after 32. ... Ng3 33.fg Ng5 34.g4 white has better survival chances.) 32. ... Qg4 33.hg Nf6 34.ab ab 35.Ne3 Ne4 36.Bc1 Nf7 37.Kg3 Ne4+ 38.Kg2 Bg5 39.Kf3 Nf6 40.Nc2 Nd5 41.Nd5 Bc1 42.b3 Ng5+ 43.Kg3 Ne4+ 44.Kf3 Nd2+ 45.Ke2 Nb3 46.Nc7 Na5 47.Nb5 Nc4 48.Kd3 d5 49.Nc7 Nb6 50.Ne6 c4+ 51.Ke2 Kf7 52.Nd8+ Ke7 53.Nc6+ Kd6 54.Nb4 Na4 0-1.

THEORETICAL DISCUSSION
(by Michael Sprague)



It is really enjoyable when you get two masters going round and round on the some position, each with a different opinion.

This position arose thusly; 1.d5 Nf6 2.c4 e5 3.de Ng4 4.e4 d6!? 5.Be2 Ne5 6.f4 Ng4 7.Nf3 Be7 8.O-O d5. NOW in 1968 Hugh Meyers, Master, and publisher of the Meyers Openings Bulletin gave 8. ... d5 an "!" and said "9.Qd5 Qd5 10.cd Bc5+ 11.Kh1 Nf2+ with the draw in hand." Oh really? At chess one has to examine all the alternatives lest one "is surprised"!

A game that then 15 year old Selby Anderson had in a 1970 Louisana tournament west: 9.ed5 Bc5+ 10.Nd4 h5 11.b4 Bb4 12.Qa4+ Nc6 13.Nc6 Bc5+ 14.Kh1 Qd7 15.Bg4 hg4 16.Re1+ Kf8 17.Ba3 Ba3 18.Qa3+ Kg8 19.Ne7+ resigns 1-0. Well those 15 year old kids can be vicious, even to a Budapest Defense expert!

Now Meyers decided to object and said that, in the above game 14. ... Qh4! makes the line playable. If 15.Ne5+ Kf8, but later admitted that he wrote "in a hurry" and was "too hasty". I should think that if one wanted to swap analysis with a GM that one should not "rush"!

Now Evans, who had originally congradulated S.A. on his game said "NO! if 14. ... Qh4 15.Ne5+ Kf8? 16.Nf3! Nf2+ 17.Rf2 Qf2 18.Ba3 (amoung others) and white is clearly better, and winning."

"Well, 15. ... Kf8 is a mistake. 15. ... Kd8, but 14. ... Qh4 makes the line 'playable', Black has a slight advantage and good winning chances!" - Meyers.

"No" said Larry "15. ... Kd8? 16.Bg4! hg4 17.Nf7+ Ke7 18.Nh8 winning, if 18. ... g3 19.Ng6+; 18. ... Bf5 19.Ba3!." "Well, 15. ... c6" says Meyers.

"No" says Larry. If 15. ... c6? 16.Nf3 Qf6 17.Nbd2 Qa1 18.Nb3 with an overwelming position.

"... (that is) is the worst analysis I ever printed(!)" Meyers, "but I think. ... I still also believe...."

1985 North Dakota Closed - April 20-21, '85.
@ Gateway Comfort Inn, Tmt. Dir.: LaMoyne Splichal
Bismarck, ND TL: Rds. 1 & 2, 45/100 min.
Rds. 3-4-5, 45/2 hours.

Chessplayer	City	Rating	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	Total
1. JOHN P. STANFIELD	Minot AFB	1744	W28	W3	D14	W15	D4	4½
2. Michael Sprague	Minot	1786	W27	D18	D8	W22	W6	4
3. Lyle Hanson	Jamestown	1927	W11	L1	D18	W25	W12	3½
4. Jerry Triggs	Mandan	1851	W12	W10	W16	D6	L1	3½
5. Brent Askvig	Minot	1788	W22	L16	D25	W23	W15	3½
6. Steve Eik	Fargo	1973	W17	W26	D15	D4	L2	3
7. Bruce Davidson	Bismarck	1878	W20	L15	D10	W18	D9	3
8. Rick Case	Minot	1791	D21	WF	D2	L12	W16	3
9. Ron Schauer	Jamestown	1783	L18	W21	W20	D16	D7	3
10. Cam Starr	Fargo	1713	WF	L4	D7	D13	W20	3
11. Lee Feldman	Minot	1533	L3	D13	D23	W19	W22	3
12. Perry Zentner	Dickinson	1474	L4	W24	W19	W8	L3	3
13. Russ Stensland	Dickinson	1223	L26	D11	W21	D10	W25	3
14. Bruce Stearns	Bismarck	2053	W25	W19	D1	---	---	2½
15. Edward Lutgen	Minot	1715	W24	W7	D6	L1	L5	2½
16. Richard Herr	Wishek	1682	W29	W5	L4	D9	L8	2½
17. Ozhan Erden	Grand Forks	1616	L6	L23	W28	W27	D18	2½
18. Cliff Berger	Dickinson	1345	W9	D2	D3	L7	D17	2½
19. David R. Myers	Bismarck	1774	W23	L14	L12	L11	W27	2
20. Marvin Johnson	Minot	1522	L7	W28	L9	W26	L10	2
21. Joseph Gagner	Bismarck	1444	D8	L9	L13	D24	W28	2
22. Vince Horne	Bismarck	1436	L5	W29	W26	L2	L11	2
23. Steve Lengenfelder	Bismarck	1257	L19	W17	D11	L5	D24	2
24. Stacy Wertz	Bismarck	1172	L15	L12	Bye	D21	D23	2
25. David Rosley	Fargo	1682	L14	W27	D5	L3	L13	1½
26. Calvin Wipf	Fargo	1757	W13	L6	L22	L20	---	1
27. Silvano Bentzel	Minot	1400	L2	L25	W29	L17	L19	1
28. Rex Kriedeman	Kief	1213	L1	L20	L17	Bye	L21	1
29. Neil Wenberg	Minot	Unr.	L16	L22	L27	---	---	0

'85 State Championship Award Winners

John P. Stanfield --- 1985 North Dakota State Chess Champion. 1st place trophy, $50, free '86 Closed entry.
Michael Sprague ----- 2nd place trophy, $30.
Jerry Triggs -------- Class "A" trophy on tiebreak pts., & $17.50.
Lyle Hanson --------- 1st pl. tie in Class "A", won $17.50.
Brent Askvig -------- Class "B" trophy, and $20.00.
Ron Schauer, Cam Starr, & Rick Case --- 2nd-4th, Class "B", $8.33 each.
Perry Zentner ------- Class "C" trophy on tiebreak pts., & $17.50.
Lee Feldman --------- 1st pl. tie in Class "C", won $17.50.
Russ Stensland ------ Class "D,E, & Unrated" trophy, & $20.00.
Cliff Berger -------- 2nd place in Class D,E, & Ur., won $15. Cliff also won the door prize, a record album of a musical play, called "CHESS".

Congratulations to all class winners, & thanks to all chessplayers who participated in the 1985 North Dakota Closed! See you all in 1986....

Notes: At registration time, 31 players were scheduled to play, but 2 could not play. Therefore names were omitted from x-table... Anyone can now order a tournament booklet ($3.00) on the Closed, c/o LaMoyne. Tmt. players get a complimentary copy of the entire extravaganza! - LS

"Mini Treasurer Report",
by LaMoyne Splichal, NDCA.

In closing out our ND chess season, as of April 30th we have $811.69 in our treasury. NDCA boasts 107 members on our roster! These two great numbers shows our best yr. ever for state chapter. - Due to procrastination, spring fever, my flag fell!, so full report in July issue. Paperwork, headache, help?...

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

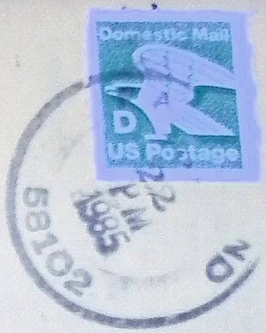
MAY 25-27 REGION 6 (SEE JUNE CHESS LIFE)

JUNE 15 JUNE PAWN WARS 85
3 ROUND SWISS; REG 9:30-10:00am
RD 1 AT 10:00am; $$$ PER ENTRIES
TL 40/100; 15/30 ENTRY FEE $5.00
SITE: ELKS LODGE BISMARCK
ENT: JOE GAGNER (701) 224-1948
1119 SOUTH 9TH #408
BISMARCK, ND 58501

JUN 22-23 NORTH DAKOTA TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS
5 ROUND TEAM SWISS; REG 9:00am-10:00am
10:30-3:30-8:30, 10:30-3:30
TL 40/2; 20/1, FOUR PLAYER TEAMS
ENTRY FEE $40.00/TEAM; PRIZES MEDALS
SITE: THE DAKOTA INN, I-94 281S, JAMESTOWN
ENT: RON SCHAUER, 1209 5TH AVE SE,
JAMESTOWN, ND 58401

JUNE 22 INTERNATIONAL CYCLONES
2 SECTIONS: OPEN - RESERVE (U1800)
3 ROUND SWISS; REG 9:00-9:45am
RDS AT 10-1-4; ENTRY FEE $10.00
TL 30/1; 15/30; ALL/30 (SUDDEN DEATH)
GUAR.PRIZES - OPEN $50,$25,U2000-$25
RESERVE $50,$25,U1600-$25
SITE AND ENT: SAME AS INT.MATCH

JUNE 22 INTERNATIONAL SPEED TOURNAMENT
5 ROUND DOUBLE SWISS, REG: 6-8pm
ENTRY FEE $3 ($1 IF PLAYED IN CYCLONE)
ROUND 1 STARTS AT 8pm OVER BY 10pm
PRIZES $10,$5,U2000-$5,U1700-$5
SITE AND ENT: SAME AS INT.MATCH

JUNE 23 51ST INTERNATIONAL MATCH
REG 11pm, MATCH STARTS AT NOON
TL 50/2; NO ENTRY FEE!!!
SITE: MOORHEAD COMMUNITY CENTER
BASEMENT OF THE MOORHEAD CENTER MALL
MOORHEAD MN 56560
ENT: SOMNER SORENSON (218) 236-9823
315 DALE AVE, MOORHEAD MN 56560

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